(c) and (d) The number of companies registered with BIFR during the year 1997 and during the period from 1998 to 2001 is furnished below:—

Year	No. of Cases registered with BIFR
1997	233
1998	370
1999	413
2000	429
2001	463

Dividend of public sector industrial institutions

†2430. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been increase in the dividend of public sector industrial institutions in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the total dividend received by Government from March, 1998 to March, 2001;

(c) whether there has been increase in the capital investment also in these industrial institutions during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details of quantum of increase in capital investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (d) The dividend received by the Government from March, 1998 to March, 2001 from Government Companies and Corporations and fresh

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

capital investment made by the Government in these three years as follows:—

(In crore of Rupees)

Year	Dividend received	Capital invested during the year
1998-1999	2556	3034
1999-2000	4155	7705
2000-2001	3323	4162

Illegal imports of Cardamom and Tea

2431. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been illegal imports of cardamom, tea, arecanut, coconut and pepper through non-designated ports and under invoicing; and

(b) if so, the action taken to curb these illegal imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) some cases of illegal imports of cardamom, tea, arecanut and pepper through non-designated ports under invoicing have been detected by field formations of Customs department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence during last three years, details of which are as per enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) All field formations of the Customs department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to detect and prevent illegal import of goods including cardamom, tea, arecanut, coconut and pepper into the country.